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BOARD (IDB-X) - AGENDA ITEMS 6 AND 7, INDUSTRIAL

TECHNOLOGICAL INFO BANK

REF: (A) VIENNA 7308, (B) VIENNA 6850

1. DISCUSSION OF INFORMATION BANK, BASED ON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S NOTE (ID/B/C,3/52), WAS TRANSFERRED TO IDB FROM EIGHTH SESSION, PERMANENT COMMITTEE IN ORDER THAT IDB DISCUSSION OF ITEM MIGHT BE SEEN BY 31ST UNGA IN CONJUNCTION WITH UNIDO REPORT ON ESTABLISHMENT OF BANK SUBMITTED TO GA UNDER ITEM 66 OF PROVISIONAL AGENDA (A/31/147).

2. MOST MEMBERS RECOGNIZED NEED FOR SUCH A BANK. DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR, SAW GREAT BENEFIT TO THEM OF SUCH A BANK IN ORDER TO INCREASE ACCESS TO NEEDED TECHNICAL INFORMATION. U.S. CONFIRMED ITS SUPPORT FOR STRONG, EFFECTIVE BANK AS COORDINATED
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ELEMENT IN TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION NETWORK,

EMPHASIZING STEPS ALREADY UNDERWAY AS RESULT OF
RESOLUTION 3507 (XXX), AND UNDERLINED NEED FOR BUILD-
ING ON EXISTING NATIONAL CAPABILITIES. U.S. FOUND
GENERAL SUPPORT FOR ITS POSITION AND WAS ABLE TO IN-
CLUDE ITS MAJOR POINTS IN FINAL REPORT OF THE BOARD.

3. AS FORESHADOWED REF A, FRG DELEGATION SOUGHT SUPPORT
FOR RECOMMENDATION TO GA WHICH WOULD TEMPORARILY BLOCK
EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS, THUS PREVENTING UNIDO FROM
IMPLEMENTING PILOT PROJECT FOR BANK UNTIL IDB-XI
(MARCH 1977) COULD EXAMINE COMPLETED FEASIBILITY
STUDY AND TAKE DECISIONS ON SUCH MATTERS AS ORGANIZA-
TION, ACTIVITIES, AND FINANCING OF BANK. USDEL
SUPPORTED FRG PROPOSAL ON BASIS THAT PILOT PROJECT
MIGHT PREDETERMINE THE DESIGN OF BANK IN SUCH
IMPORTANT AREAS AS COORDINATION WITH INTERNATIONAL
INFORMATION EXCHANGE NETWORK AND KINDS OF INFORMA-
TION THE BANK WOULD COLLECT AND DISSEMINATE.
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ON OTHER HAND, URGED PROMPT
UNDERTAKING OF PILOT PROJECT.

4. FINAL REPORT OF BOARD INCORPORATED U.S. POINTS
EMPHASIZING EVENTUAL COORDINATION AND INTEGRATION OF
BANK INTO DESIGN PLAN FOR INTERNATIONAL INFORMATION
NETWORK BEING DEvised BY SECRETARY GENERAL, BUT
INCLUDED REFERENCE BOTH TO DESIRES EXPRESSED FOR
POSTPONING PILOT PROJECT AND TO LDC SUPPORT FOR ITS
IMMEDIATE INCEPTION. FINAL REPORT OF IDB-X THUS
LACKS FIRM RECOMMENDATION ON TIMING OF PILOT PROJECT.

5. FRG DEL TO 31ST UNGA WILL ATTEMPT LIMIT 2ND AND
5TH COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF UNIDO INFORMATION BANK
TO QUESTION OF INTEGRATION OF BANK INTO OVERALL
NETWORK UNDER AEGIS OF SYG, ON UNDERSTANDING THAT
RESOLUTION OF DETAILS OF PILOT PROJECT PER PARA 3
ABOVE SHOULD BE LEFT TO IDB-XI. MISSION HOPES THAT
USDEL CAN BE INSTRUCTED TO SUPPORT REFERRAL OF THESE
MATTERS BACK TO IDB; WE PRESUME THAT 2ND COMMITTEE WOULD BE
AGREEABLE TO SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT IN VIEW OF ITS OWN
HEAVY WORKLOAD. STIBRAVY
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